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Unofficial Results of Littleton Special Election

Voters Approve All Five City-Initiated Questions

BALLOT MEASURE 3B LODGER'S TAX		
FOR OR AGAINST	PERCENTAGES	TOTAL VOTES
Yes	63%	13,959
No	37%	8,355
BALLOT MEASURE 3C DDA COLLECT, RETAIN, EXPEND REVENUES		
Yes	67%	287
No	33%	141
BALLOT MEASURE 3D DDA MILL LEVY		
Yes	58%	244
No	42%	179
BALLOT MEASURE 3E PROCUREMENT CHARTER CHANGE		
Yes	72%	15,091
No	28%	6,014
BALLOT MEASURE 3F DDA FORMATION		
Yes	72%	297
No	28%	118
CITIZEN-INITIATED BALLOT QUESTION 301 ASPEN GROVE		
FOR OR AGAINST	PERCENTAGES	TOTAL VOTES
Yes	59%	12,241
No	41%	8,434

Littleton voters approved all five city-initiated measures in the November 8 special election along with a citizen-initiated question. "The city council and staff are pleased that voters approved all of the questions the city placed on the ballot," said Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter. "Even though there were many matters to consider, it is clear voters looked carefully at the issues and made informed decisions that will keep Littleton moving forward," he added.

The 5% Lodger's Tax on rooms at hotels, motels, and short-term rentals will generate approximately \$975,000 per year invested into arts, culture, and tourism programs that will make Littleton an even better place to live and visit.

The Charter Amendment will modernize the city's competitive bidding threshold enabling award of contracts to vendors who provide the best overall value to the city.

Three questions to organize the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to finance improvements in Downtown Littleton will: establish the DDA; collect, retain, and expend the full revenues received by the authority; and establish a mill levy to fund operations such as public safety, maintenance, and marketing.

The citizen-initiated ballot question repealing a 2021 council decision regarding zoning at Aspen Grove that would have allowed up to 2,000 residential units was approved for the ballot earlier this year. However, since that time, Aspen Grove submitted a revised plan under the new Unified Land Use Code that was approved by planning commission allowing less than 500 new residential units. "Voters were presented with a question concerning Aspen Grove that was confusing since the project they were voting on is no longer being considered," Schlachter said. "A Master Development Plan was approved by the planning commission in August that complies with the city's land use code and will allow far fewer units than initially proposed," he added.

These results are unofficial until certified by the Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson County boards of canvass.

Special Election Scheduled March 7

Voters to Consider Charter Amendment Reducing the Number of Signatures and Timing Required for Citizen Initiatives

At its November 15 meeting, the Littleton City Council approved an ordinance setting the date for a Special Election that would amend the City Charter reducing the number of signatures required for citizen initiatives and shortening the time frame to conduct a Special Election. This is a result of a citizen-initiated petition seeking to reduce the number of signatures required from 10-15 percent (depending on circumstances) to five percent of registered electors who voted in the last municipal election. It would also require that an election be held between 60-150 days following verification of petitions as specified in state statutes.

As a Home Rule Municipality, Littleton chose to adopt its own procedures relating to elections through its Charter and Code that differs from some requirements in state law. In order to change the City's Charter it requires a vote of the registered electors.

It is estimated that the March 7 Special Election will cost upwards of \$165,000.

The Littleton City Clerk's office verified 3,933 signatures which exceeded the required amount of 3,628 signatures of qualified registered electors. This is 10 percent of the registered electors of the city when the intent to circulate petition was submitted, which compels city council to place the measure on the ballot.

Bookmobile Results are In!

Nearly 500 people voted on the design for Bemis Public Library's new bookmobile, and the winner was Driven to Read with 58 percent of the votes. The Bookmobile will allow for mobile library programs around Littleton and is scheduled to hit the road in early 2023.



Littleton Business Chamber Names Executive Director



The partnership between the Littleton Business Chamber (LBC) and the City of Littleton that began last spring reached a new milestone with the selection of Korri Lundock as the organization's first executive director.

Lundock has more than 33 years community engagement and leadership experience. She comes from a long line of entrepreneurs and has owned a successful business. Her career spans banking, marketing, higher education, and formerly as Major Events Manager and Director of the Women in Leadership Program for the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce. She has collaborated with businesses, chambers of commerce, government entities, volunteers, civic groups, and alumni. She earned a master's degree in management from the University of Phoenix.

The LBC was formed in 2017 and its mission is to serve as a principal representative of businesses in this market area, contribute to its members' success and prosperity, and promote the economic and civic interests of the community. LBC Co-Chair Pat Dunahay said, "Korri really has a love for the City of Littleton. She is supportive and respectful of this community and has life-long roots here. Her experiences and energy align with the strategic plan we have put together with input from the city, local business, and non-profits."

The LBC submitted a proposal to the city requesting funding support for a professional, full-time executive director to work with the board on a strategic plan and program development. As part of the budget review process, city council approved \$277,500 using ARPA Business Funds. The city and LBC entered into an agreement through December 2024 with an expectation that the chamber will be self-funded at the end of the agreement term.

"We are inspired by the chamber leadership's ambitious agenda to support all businesses in Littleton," said Economic Development Director Cindie Perry. "The proposal aligns with city council's financial stability goal with an increased focus on economic development, placemaking, and tourism. Utilizing ARPA funds to support Littleton businesses honors the intent of the federal program," Perry added.

Winter Closures

All city offices will be closed December 23 at noon, December 26, January 2, and January 16



American Criterium Cup Finishes With \$100,000 Grand Prize

The American Criterium Cup wrapped up the 2022 series with the Bommarito Gateway Cup in St. Louis on September 4, with a total payout to winners of more than \$100,000.

Littleton was the 8th stop on the 10-stop national tour that saw the nation's best bicycle racers compete for the cup. Maggie Coles-Lyster took the top spot in the women's races, while Brandon Feehery took home the cup in the men's races.

The Littleton Twilight Criterium will return to Downtown Littleton August 5, 2023, bringing more family fun and high-speed racing action!

Tri-Cities Homelessness Group Seeing Results

Over the past several years, suburban communities throughout the Denver Metro area have increasingly felt the impact of homelessness. Local businesses and residents have faced the difficult questions of how best to engage with unhoused community members, law enforcement has begun to field more calls related to homelessness, and local service providers have seen increased numbers of clients. Most significantly, more and more members of the community have found themselves without a place to call "home."

In response, leadership from the cities of Englewood, Littleton, and Sheridan (the Tri-Cities) have banded together to develop an action plan to address the issue. The Tri-Cities Homelessness Action Plan was developed and adopted by these municipalities in 2021. The plan forms a framework to build a system of response to the issue and, ultimately, to lessen the impact of homelessness throughout the region.

The plan consists of four primary areas of focus: foundational work, including establishing a governance structure, data-tracking, and community engagement; serving the needs of single adults experiencing homelessness, including streamlining service provision and creating pathways out of homelessness; workforce development, including expanding opportunities for community members to re-enter the workforce from homelessness; and serving the needs of families experiencing homelessness, including preventing family homelessness and streamlining services for families. Together, these areas form a structure to steward existing homeless services and create pathways out of homelessness for unhoused community members.

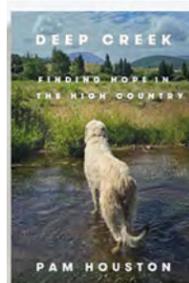
Implementation of the plan began in 2022, and initial impact is beginning to emerge.

- Various agencies are inputting clients into the OneHome coordinated entry system and beginning to see housing placements through this effort.
- The Tri-Cities partnership with the Built-for-Zero initiative, which has contributed to a 31% reduction in veteran homelessness in the Denver metro area.
- The launch of a coordinated outreach team by the AllHealth Network is making service referrals and mental health care to unsheltered individuals throughout the region.
- The first cohort of the CrossPurpose workforce program has generated \$513,000 of wealth within the lives of vulnerable community members.
- The Ready to Work residential vocational training program has acquired a facility in the Tri-Cities and is working to launch a program to move 48 clients per year from the streets into stable housing and employment.
- School administrators throughout the Tri-Cities are working to serve the needs of students experiencing homelessness, including managing a program in partnership with Innovating Housing Concepts to provide financial and case management support to connect families with stable housing.

These efforts indicate the Tri-Cities Homelessness initiative and the broader service provider community, including the Change the Trend Network, are having an impact. However, plenty more needs to be done in the next several years to complete implementation of the Action Plan.

To get involved in these efforts, or for questions, contact Mike Sandgren, the Tri-Cities Homelessness Services Coordinator, at MSandgren@arapahoegov.com.

One Book One Littleton a Success



Bemis Public Library hosted best-selling author Pam Houston in September for the second One Book One Littleton community reading program. Houston's book *Deep Creek: Finding Hope in the High Country* was a hit with Littleton readers, and the author reception and keynote lecture sold out in two days!



Anyone who missed Houston's visit to Bemis can watch her presentation by searching for "Bemis Public Library" on YouTube.



Applications Accepted for Authorities, Boards and Commissions

The Littleton City Council invites residents to apply for vacancies on the city's authorities, boards, and commissions. Service on a city board helps ensure that city council hears the voices of many citizens as it considers future policies and programs. There are 11 citizen committees who meet monthly unless indicated otherwise.

The application deadline is Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 5 p.m. Interviews will be scheduled in February. Terms will begin April 1, 2023. Applications can be found on the city's website, www.littletongov.org. Contact City Clerk Colleen Norton at 303-795-3753 for further information.

- Arts and Culture Commission (meets second Thursday at 6:30 p.m., four vacancies)
- Board of Adjustment (meets third Thursday at 6:30 p.m., one vacancy)
- Building Board of Appeals (meets third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., two vacancies)
- Election Commission (meets prior to an election as needed, one vacancy)
- Fine Arts Board (meets third Thursday at 6:30 p.m., one vacancy)
- Historical Preservation Board (meets third Monday at 6:30 p.m., two vacancies)
- Licensing Authority (meets second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., one vacancy)
- Next Generation Advisory Committee (meets first Thursday at 6:30 p.m., ten vacancies)
- Planning Commission (meets second and fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m., two vacancies)
- South Metro Housing Options (meets second Thursday at 6 p.m., three vacancies)
- Transportation and Mobility Board (meets fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m., four vacancies)

Littleton Passes Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

The Littleton City Council unanimously approved an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (IHO) November 1, becoming the sixth city in the Denver metro area to adopt a policy to establish and fund affordable housing.

The policy, which took effect November 10, offers options to developers to help Littleton address its shortage of affordable housing. New residential developments of at least five units must now include at least 5% of them as affordable; or pay a fee-in-lieu of building the affordable units.

Those who choose to build affordable units instead of paying the fee will receive incentives, including a reduction in parking requirements, an increase in the units allowed per acre, and rebates on fees.

Developers who choose to build majority-affordable developments – meaning at least 50% affordable or 25% “missing middle” housing types – will receive greater incentives, including a reduction in minimum lot size.



Fees-in-lieu collected from developers will be used to fund affordable

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housing development elsewhere, utilizing partnerships with agencies like South Metro Housing Options and Habitat for Humanity.

Littleton’s IHO was five years in the making, beginning with the city’s 2017 housing study and needs assessment, which found a deficit of housing attainable by Littleton’s workforce. The housing study’s recommendations, calling for the development of affordable housing, were incorporated into Littleton’s 2019 comprehensive plan.

A 2020 update to the housing study found affordability conditions were continuing to degrade, with housing prices increasingly uncoupled from wage gains, causing the number of young families in Littleton to decline.

Effects have been felt citywide, including the closure of several elementary schools, which Littleton Public Schools attributes in large part to housing affordability. Meanwhile, studies presented to the Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Group show that a shortage of affordable housing is a contributing factor to homelessness.

The City of Littleton convened the Housing Task Force in 2020, and city council unanimously approved the Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) in fall 2020, enabling modern land use practices and policies. City staff collaborated with the Housing Task Force to develop the IHO beginning in spring 2022.

Littleton Mayor Kyle Schlachter said the IHO is a crucial step toward keeping Littleton a vibrant place. “We’ve heard time and again that housing costs are one of the most important issues to our residents and businesses,” Schlachter said. “The current housing market clearly isn’t working for people to find housing at a reasonable price. Costs have gotten out of hand, and the IHO provides an opportunity to offer some relief when it comes to what Littleton residents can afford to spend on housing.”

Loretta Huffine Appointed Municipal Judge



The Littleton City Council selected Loretta B. Huffine to be Littleton’s Presiding Municipal Judge. Huffine was among 17 applicants for the position created by the retirement of Judge Ethan Feldman who announced his intention to retire in July. Huffine has been the deputy presiding judge for the Littleton Municipal Court since 2017.

Huffine’s exemplary judicial career has included roles as a municipal judge, prosecutor, deputy district attorney, and nearly a decade in private practice. Judge Huffine earned her juris doctor from the University of Denver and her bachelor’s degree with honors from the University of Maryland.

“I couldn’t be more pleased with the selection of Judge Huffine as Littleton’s next presiding judge. During her distinguished career she has proven to be an innovator in judicial processes while demonstrating compassion for those who appear before her,” said Mayor Kyle Schlachter. “The city council and I look forward to her leading our municipal court into the future,” he added.

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Carboy Winery Wins Best in Show in Colorado

Littleton’s Carboy Winery won Best in Show at the 2022 Colorado Uncorked wine tasting event. Of the 12 wines selected to comprise the 2022 Governor’s Cup Collection, Carboy Winery received the award for its 2020 Teroldego. Carboy has four locations across the state: Littleton is home to the original location, established in 2016, along with newer locations in Breckenridge, Palisade, and Denver. This is the second year in a row that Carboy has received the Best in Show recognition, and the first time a winery has had the winning wine in back-to-back years. This year’s competition included 279 wine submissions from 38 local wineries – all of which were judged by a panel of sommeliers, writers, and wine experts from around the country in August.



From left: Tyzok Wharton, Carboy Director of Winemaking; Kevin Webber, Carboy CEO; Craig Jones, Carboy Owner; Kyle Schlachter, Mayor of Littleton and Marketing Coordinator for the Colorado Wine Industry Development Board.



Mural Program Launches With Town Hall Arts Center Project

Town Hall Arts Center is set to be the first beneficiary of Littleton’s new mural program, after the city’s Historic Preservation Board unanimously approved a plan to add a mural to the building’s alley-facing back wall. Invitations were sent to 35 notable Colorado muralists to submit designs for the mural, which will help spark more activation and beautification of alleys downtown.

The Town Hall Arts Center mural will join 21 other murals in downtown, a number slated to grow in 2023 as the city’s mural program kicks off. City council allocated \$20,000 for the program’s first two years which will help pay for artists and supplies.

The application process is expected to launch in early 2023. Property owners, artists, or community groups who would like to add a mural to an exterior wall should call 303-795-3954 or email arts@littletongov.org.

Around Town with Jim

Littleton is full of interesting and beautiful places to visit, and City Manager Jim Becklenberg is setting out to find them! In “Around Town with Jim,” a new video series, Becklenberg interviews local experts about the places that make Littleton special. Jackass Hill and the Littleton Municipal Courthouse were first on the list, but there are lots of sites to see. Keep an eye on the City of Littleton’s social media pages and Cable Channel 8 and get ready to head “Around Town with Jim!”



Littleton local Channel 8 or 880



Littleton 8 is broadcast in HD to all Comcast Xfinity customers in Littleton on channel 880.

The live stream and playback schedule are also available online at

www.littletongov.org/channel8

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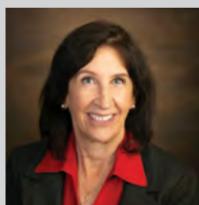
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Commercial and Residential Development Booming

Here's a look at some of the significant developments around Littleton:

- **Littleton Village:** Norris Design submitted a Master Development Plan for the Littleton Village community at Broadway and Dry Creek Road, seeking to add a mixed-use building with over 300 residential units and ground-floor commercial property. The Master Development Plan will go before the Planning Commission, but is not yet scheduled.
- **Powers Place:** RPM Living has submitted a Master Development Plan for a site at Powers Avenue and South Delaware Street, on the south end of the Norgren property. RPM seeks to build approximately 312 residential units, including live-work units, and shared community space. The proposal is anticipated to go to a public hearing before the Planning Commission early in 2023.
- **Toll Brothers:** Following the acquisition of the south 77 acres of the former Ensor property in July, Toll Brothers plans to build 260 single-family attached units and an approximately 258-unit multifamily apartment complex on the site southwest of Mineral Avenue and Santa Fe Drive. Toll Brothers plans to utilize the site's previously approved 1985 Planned Development zoning, meaning the proposal will not appear before Planning Commission. Additional development may follow in subsequent phases on other parts of the site.
- **Evergreen:** On the north 33 acres of the former Ensor property, Evergreen Devco submitted a preliminary plat to subdivide the property into four large development sites and provide right-of-way for the City of Littleton's quadrant road project. The proposal is expected to be heard by the Planning Commission in early 2023. Eventually, Evergreen Devco plans to build mixed-use development featuring retail and roughly 250 residential multifamily units, assisted living, and a variety of commercial/retail projects.
- **Columbine Square:** Quarterra submitted a Master Development Plan to build a mixed-use community of commercial space, approximately 348 apartment units, and roughly 157 age-restricted apartments on the site at the southwest corner of Federal Boulevard and Bellevue Avenue. O'Toole's Garden Center, previously located on part of the site, may relocate within Littleton.



Reynolds Landing Improvements Ahead

Reynolds Landing, the park beside the South Platte River near Breckenridge Brewery, will become a better place to play thanks to plans approved by city council in October.

Following years of public outreach and planning, the plan for Reynolds Landing's future focuses on four goals: connecting people to water, river health and habitat restoration, trails and reduced conflicts, and diverse recreation.

Trail improvements will include a realignment of the Mary Carter Greenway to separate pedestrians from bicyclists, adding a riverside trail and pedestrian bridge, and providing viewing areas and river access.

Other amenities will include a new picnic shelter, outdoor gathering areas, expanded parking, sculptures and public art, and more shade trees.

River habitat improvements include terraces to reduce large drops, better safety and hydrology, and improved habitat for fish and riparian species. The riverfront will also include shallow wading areas, and rapids for kayaking and paddleboarding.

The plan's long-term goals are anticipated to cost a total of \$31.4 million, with significant contributions coming from partner agencies including South Suburban Parks and Recreation, Arapahoe County, the Mile High Flood District, and state and nonprofit grants. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2023.

Quad Road Feedback Appreciated

Thank you to the more than 1,500 people who participated in the Santa Fe and Mineral Improvements Project online meeting. City council and staff are gratified the community is engaged in the effort to improve traffic flow and safety. The project team is analyzing hundreds of valuable comments collected from the online meeting and social media. As the project team advances the final design for this project, they will take these comments into consideration and incorporate the feedback where possible in developing improvements to this area.

When planning to improve this intersection first began in 2013, engineers recognized that building a grade-separated (freeway-style) interchange would likely provide the most mobility and safety benefits. However, the costs of such an improvement (estimated at \$60 million in 2014; and over \$100 million in 2020) make it nearly impossible to implement.

City council empowered staff to search for new solutions that could be implemented on a more rapid timeline and at lower cost. The city analyzed a range of reasonable solutions for the intersection, including a reevaluation of grade-separated options, as well as innovative at-grade intersection designs. The city considered safety, operations, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, right-of-way, costs, constructability, stakeholder impacts, and adaptability.

The findings identified the quadrant roadway as the most feasible solution to the chronic congestion at this bottleneck location – taking a combination of those factors into account. This innovative solution meets the goals and objectives established in the city's Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan, in which Santa Fe Drive was identified as a critical corridor. In addition, the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Santa Fe Action Plan reaffirmed this solution, highlighting the quadrant roadway's ability to meet the needs of the traveling public while limiting impacts to environmental resources, adjacent properties, and the city's budget.

The quadrant roadway is a new concept and will be the first of its kind in Colorado. This design has been shown as an approach to reduce congestion, improve safety, and enhance bicycle and pedestrian connectivity. A quadrant roadway is a proven and effective solution that has been used in other states, including Illinois, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, and Virginia. This solution will be constructed using mostly federal funding and will have far fewer construction-related impacts than almost any other option that was evaluated.

City council and staff believe the quadrant roadway is the best solution to improve traffic movement through this intersection in conjunction with adjacent developments on the Aspen Grove and Ensor properties. These projects represent an opportunity to capitalize on the city council goal of Housing and Livability, especially transit-oriented development along major corridors, given their proximity to the Mineral Light Rail Station.

Visit the website at www.littleton.gov/santafe-mineral to learn more about how a quadrant roadway works, sign up for the project distribution list, stay updated on future engagement opportunities, and submit comments or feedback.



Santa Fe & Mineral Improvements Project

QUAD ROAD MOVEMENTS:

✓ **CREATE SAFER INTERSECTIONS**

✓ **SAVE DRIVERS AN EXTRA 20 MINUTES DURING RUSH HOUR**



South Littleton Trail Detours Announced

The C-470 Trail and High Line Canal Trail are fully closed at Santa Fe Drive into 2024 as crews install new underpasses to allow pedestrians and bicyclists to pass safely under Santa Fe Drive.

The following detours will be in place for trail users:

C-470 Trail users crossing Santa Fe Drive will detour north onto the Highline Canal Trail to Railroad Spur Trail. Go east across Santa Fe Drive to the Mary Carter Greenway Trail and go south to the C-470 underpass to join the C-470 Trail.

Highline Canal Trail users will detour east on Crater Court to Division Street and turn south. From Division Street, continue to Town Center Drive and go east to join the trail.



Santa Fe Drive Action Plan to Improve Traffic Flow, Safety

Santa Fe Drive is slated to receive a host of upgrades in coming years, after Littleton and a coalition of state, county, and local governments completed the Santa Fe Drive Action Plan.

Built on more than two years of study, the plan provides a comprehensive look at improving traffic flow and mobility along Santa Fe Drive from C-470 to I-25.

Led by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the study identified critical issues, environmental, and community concerns along the 11-mile corridor, and developed recommendations to address them. The study's focus was improving Santa Fe's safety, operational performance, and multimodal connections.

The plan developed corridor-wide recommendations, including an adaptive traffic signal system to respond to changing conditions, enhanced pedestrian detection at stoplights, improved traveler information signs, and refreshed pavement markings.

The plan also identified numerous projects within Littleton's stretch of Santa Fe Drive. Vehicular and roadway recommendations include numerous intersection and turn lane upgrades. Multimodal recommendations include widening, connecting, and paving bike and pedestrian trails along the corridor.

Early action projects for Littleton include adding an auxiliary lane from Vinewood Street to Bowles Avenue, improved turn lanes at Crestline Avenue, adding an auxiliary lane and bike lanes at Prince Street, and improving trail connections to the Downtown Littleton Light Rail station.



Longer-term projects include connecting Vinewood Street to Brewery Lane near Breckenridge Brewery, building the quadrant road interchange at Mineral Avenue, and building structured parking at the Mineral Light Rail Station.

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Littleton Golf and Tennis Clubhouse Construction Update

Construction on the new Littleton Golf and Tennis clubhouse is underway. The new clubhouse at Federal Boulevard and Bowles Avenue will include six tennis courts, a pro shop, a larger kitchen and bar area, and outdoor seating. In the meantime, winter tennis programs are being held at the former South Suburban Ice Arena building. Visit ssprd.org/Construction-Detours for updates as this project progresses, and look forward to a new facility in 2023!

Detour Around Clarkson Closure in Greenwood Village

Denver Water began upgrading underground pumps along Clarkson Street in Greenwood Village in October, with work expected to last until May.

The intersection of South Clarkson Street and East Sunset Ridge Road will be closed for the duration of the project. A detour using East Belleview Avenue or East Littleton Boulevard to South Broadway is recommended.



Annual Grease and Oil Takeback Event

Dispose of used grease and oil safely, for free! Residents within South Platte Renew's service area, which includes the Cities of Englewood and Littleton, as well as 19 connecting sanitation districts, are invited to drop off up to 10 gallons of used oil and grease per household.

Cooking oil and automotive oil must be separated into different containers and be free from contaminants such as fuels, solvents, or water. Cooking oil should be liquid and free of food debris. Oil filters, antifreeze, or oil from commercial businesses will not be accepted.

When: 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, December 3

Where: South Platte Renew, 2900 South Platte River Drive, Englewood

Questions? Email:

SPRCommunications@englewoodco.gov



New City Websites Nearing Launch

The City of Littleton is gearing up to launch four new websites this winter! The city's main website will also get a domain name change, to LittletonCO.gov.

The new sites, including the Littleton Museum, Bemis Public Library, and Littleton Police Department, will incorporate several important changes.

The sites will feature improvements for users with disabilities, and increased options for electronic payments, transactions, and event registrations. The sites will be translatable in six languages, be mobile and tablet friendly, and include improved content search engines.

Switching to the .gov domain will provide additional security, as the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency monitors all .gov sites for malicious activity.



Denver Water Rates Increase in 2023



The Denver Board of Water Commissioners adopted rate increases in October to help pay for upgrades, projects, and ongoing maintenance and repair to keep its system operating efficiently.

The new rates take effect Jan. 1, 2023. For typical single-family residential customers in Littleton, their average annual bill will increase by \$47.26 to roughly \$788, an increase of about \$4 a month.

To ensure the system continues to reliably deliver safe, clean, and affordable water to its customers, Denver Water expects to invest \$2.3 billion over the next 10 years in projects that will maintain, repair, protect, and upgrade the system and make it more resilient and flexible in the future.

Holiday Used Book Sale

Bemis Public Library's used book sale returns just in time for the holidays! The sale runs during regular library hours until Friday, December 23. Great books on a variety of topics are available at great prices. All proceeds support the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. For more information, visit FriendsLittleton.org.



Littleton Museum Hosts Holiday's Evening December 11

Join the Littleton Museum for Holiday's Evening on the grounds of the museum's 19th century living history farms on Sunday, December 11. Guests will be transported back to the winter holidays of the 1800s, with wagon rides, cornbread and cookies, live music, and hot cider. Costumed historical interpreters will bring the past to life.

Admission prices range from \$3 to \$10 when purchased in advance. Children under 2 are free. Tickets can be purchased by at LittletonGov.org/HolidaysEvening.

When: 5:30 to 8 p.m., Sunday, December 11.

Where: Littleton Museum, 6028 South Gallup Street



Littleton Immigrant Resources Center Here to Help

Littleton provides low-cost Immigration Legal Assistance through the Littleton Immigrant Resources Center, located in the lower level of Bemis Public Library. The center helps people applying for U.S. Citizenship, assistance with Green Card renewals, Employment Authorization Cards, DACA, Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence, TPS, Certificate of Citizenship, and general immigration inquiries.

Need help? Call the LIRC office at 303-795-3968.

El Centro de Recursos para Inmigrantes de Littleton, ubicado en el nivel inferior de la Biblioteca Pública de Bemis, ayuda a las personas que solicitan la ciudadanía estadounidense. Pero el centro ofrece muchos otros servicios: asistencia con la renovación de la Tarjeta Verde, Tarjetas de Autorización de Empleo (EAD), DACA, Petición para Eliminar las Condiciones de Residencia, TPS, Certificado de Ciudadanía y consultas generales de inmigración.

¿Necesita ayuda? Llame a la oficina de LIRC al 303-795-3968.

City Grants Help Improve Neighborhoods

Dozens of uplifting neighborhood events got a boost from the City of Littleton's Neighborhood Grants program in 2022!

Neighborhood grants encourage outreach and engagement. Approved projects are eligible for up to \$500 and include start-up assistance for newsletters, block parties, and more.

Littleton issued 44 neighborhood grants so far this year, totaling \$21,900. Grants paid for block parties, Oktoberfest celebrations, car shows, and more.

Littleton also offers Community Improvement Grants of up to \$9,999, which assist neighborhood groups with physical improvements accessible to the public.

Two Community Improvement Grants have been approved in 2022, one to build a new toddler-friendly playground in the South Park neighborhood, and another to install low-water landscaping along Ridge Road.

For more information, search "Community and Neighborhood Grants" at LittletonGov.org.



Dignitaries from Littleton and its sister city of Bega, Australia pose with a newly-planted cut-leaf birch planted in Bega's Littleton Gardens. Eight delegates traveled to Bega in October, part of an exchange dating back to the 1950s. Littleton donated five trees to the park.

Littleton Calendar Winners Announced

The 13 winners of the 2023 Littleton Calendar and Annual Report photography contest have been selected. The winners are:

Cover – David Takahashi-Joyner

January – Steve Clark

February – David Skuodas

March – Candyce Herman

April – Amy Reichardt

May – Steven Petsch

June – Maureen Ravnik

July – Michael Griffith

August – Champagne Singleton

September – Richard Guarneros

October – Bob Coorsen

November – Bill Roes

December – Greta Sternitzky



The calendar captures the city's people, landscapes, and events. Members of the Littleton Fine Arts Board selected the winners from 163 photographs submitted by 65 photographers.

The 2023 Littleton Calendar and Annual Report should be delivered and distributed to sponsors and other locations by mid-December. They will be available at the Littleton Center as well as at Bemis Public Library, the Littleton Museum, the Littleton Municipal Court, and from numerous sponsor businesses.



Winter Sale at Recreation Centers

Score deals on fitness amenities, personal training sessions and more during South Suburban's Winter Sale! Lock in 2022 prices now to take full advantage of everything South Suburban's recreation centers have to offer.

Discounted annual passes, punch cards, personal training sessions and Pilates Reformer sessions will be available for purchase online at register.ssprd.org or at any of South Suburban's recreation centers starting December 1.

Deals at Buck Recreation Center:

- \$50 off Youth, Senior and Adult Annual Passes
- \$100 off Household Annual Passes*
- 10% off 20 Admission Punch Cards
- 10% off 10 Packs of Personal Training and Private Reformer packages

*Annual passes may be auto-debited over the course of three consecutive months.

Explore, Learn and Play at Winter Break Camps

Kids can learn, play and stay active during winter break at South Suburban camps! Activities at full-day camps include games, crafts, swimming and more. Campers can also discover new interests at specialty sports, arts, or enrichment camps. Visit register.ssprd.org to view a full list of camps and secure a spot.

Upcoming Events:

Holiday Nature Walk at South Platte Park
Start a new family tradition this holiday season! Join a naturalist on guided walks on Christmas Day, to enjoy the beauty of the natural environment. Learn more and sign up at register.ssprd.org. 9 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday, December 25.

Cocoa & Doughnuts with Santa at Buck Recreation Center
Santa is visiting Buck Recreation Center to share goodies and holiday cheer! Families are invited to enjoy doughnuts, cocoa, and photos with Santa. Learn more and sign up at register.ssprd.org. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 3.

Visit ssprd.org/news-and-events for more information.

BEYOND BOOKS... WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEMIS LIBRARY?

Bemis Public Library | 6014 S. Datura Street | Littleton, CO 80120 | 303-795-3961 | Web Catalog: bemis.marmot.org

Happy Holidays from Bemis Library

Gingerbread House Building
December 3, Two Sessions
9-11 a.m. or 12-2 p.m.—For All Ages*



Create a gingerbread house and enter it into a competition for a chance to win \$25. The library will provide a base and basic supplies. Feel free to bring any extra building materials you'd like to use. All materials must be edible. Houses will be on display at Bemis through December 23. The public can vote on their favorite creation. The house with the most votes will win.



Smithtonians Handbell Ensemble
December 10—For All Ages
1-2 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.

Littleton's own Smithtonians Handbell Choir will perform two holiday concerts. Celebrate the holiday spirit by attending one of these stellar performances.



Senior Movie Matinee: *Miracle on 34th Street*



December 12, 1:30-3 p.m.
For Ages 50 and Up

Watch the original 1947 Christmas classic starring Maureen O'Hara. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served.

Merry Tessellations Craft
December 17—Ages 10 and Up
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 2-3:30 p.m.*

M.C. Escher made them famous, but anyone can tessellate. Learn how to create a template to trace an interlocking repeating design and then turn it into a holiday motif.



Holiday Traditions with Active Minds
December 19, 2-3 p.m.—For Adults of All Ages

Why do we have Christmas trees? Or for that matter holiday lights, eggnog, holly, or mistletoe. Active Minds will seek to explain the origins of many holiday traditions and customs.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Weekly Story Times

Weekly story times at Bemis will take a brief hiatus from December 9-January 9. Story time sessions will resume in January.



Books Are Cool
Winter Reading Program
December-January 9

For Kids in Grade 5 and Younger

Pick up a reading log in the library, complete the challenges, and record what you read. Finishers will receive a free book to keep.

LEGO Club—December 3, 3-4 p.m.
For All Ages—Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult

Design and construct a LEGO creation. Build from a theme or use your imagination to make a brand-new creation.



Paws to Read—Second Saturday of Every Month
December 10 and January 14, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
For Children in Grades K-5*

Practice reading to a furry friend. *Call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society.

Sensory Story Time

December 13 and January 10, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Caregivers & Children of All Abilities Are Welcome

This inclusive and interactive story time is designed for children who are neurodivergent and/or have sensory needs. Light and sound are decreased. Sensory toys, fidgets, and noise canceling head-phones are provided for anyone who needs them. Story time includes songs, stories, and rhymes, with time to play and socialize at the end.

Reptile Show

December 27, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—For Families with Children Ages 3 and Older

Canyon Critters will bring a selection of rescued critters and describe their characteristics and behavior. They also will discuss the importance of responsible pet ownership.

Inspector Magic Happy Magic Bunny New Year!

December 29, 11-11:45 a.m.
For Families with Children of All Ages

Inspector Magic encourages reading with his spellbinding illusions and comedy. His interactive adventures engage the whole family.



"Noon" Year's Eve Let's Go Crazy Neon Party

December 31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.—For Families with Children of All Ages*

Treats, dancing, door prizes, and the dropping of the New Year's Eve ball at noon are all part of a fun Glow Party with Bryce Jackman counting down to 2023. Wear anything neon for fun under the black lights and wear your craziest socks to participate in a Crazy Sock Contest, too. *Registration required beginning December 17.

The Best of Science Matters

January 4, 11 a.m.-noon—For Families with Children Ages 3 and Older

Science Matters in Colorado will present a collection of favorite experiments which include a micro silo explosion, elephant toothpaste, a glowing pickle, and spectacular dry ice demonstrations.

Top Hogs Show—January 6, 11-11:45 a.m.

For Families with Children of All Ages

Join rescue pigs Johnny Ringo and Spanky in an action-packed, one-of-a-kind show as they perform incredible tricks from sports to impressions.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Takeover—For Grades 6-12

Hang out and make something fun.

- **December 7, 5-6:30 p.m.**
Decorate cookies or make a holiday card. If you like, bring your own projects to work on. Snacks will be served.
- **January 4, 5-6:30 p.m.**
Play Mario Kart and make Nintendo paper-crafts. Or bring your own projects to work on and share. Snacks will be served.

Teen Advisory Group—For Grades 6-12

- **December 14, 5-6 p.m.**
Merry Cocoa-mas!
Enjoy cocoa, snacks, and a holiday movie.
- **January 11, 5-6:30 p.m.**
Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends, and have fun while earning community service credit. Snacks will be served.



The library will be closed for holidays on December 24-26 and January 1, 2 and 16.

Tweensday—5-6:30 p.m.—For Grades 5-12*

- **December 21—Ugly Sweater DIY***
Bring your own sweaters, tee shirts, or fabric bags to add iron-on holiday decorations.
- **January 18—Needle Felting***
Make critters using wool stabby needles.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Senior Social Club

Thursdays 9:30-10:30 a.m.—For Ages 50 and Up
Weekly chat for seniors.

Creativity Challenge Kickoff: Creativebug Class
December 3, 11 a.m.-noon—For Ages 15 and Up*

This two-month creativity challenge will introduce Creativebug, a video database with hundreds of art and craft tutorials—all free with a library card.

Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art—December 8, 2-3:30 p.m.

For Ages 18 and Up*

Join BMOCA Educator Reid Portscheller for a hands-on workshop. Participants will create a piece of art inspired by the show.

Board Games @ Bemis

December 9 and January 13, 5-7 p.m.—For All Ages
Drop in after-hours for board games.

Dungeons & Dragons—For Ages 10 and Up
December 28 and January 25, 5-7:30 p.m.*

Players of all experience levels are welcome.

China's Belt and Road Initiative with Active Minds
January 23, 2-3 p.m.—For Adults of All Ages

In 2013, China announced a massive international transportation and trade infrastructure construction program known as the Belt and Road Initiative. China is billing this as a modern version of the ancient Silk Road. Active Minds will explore the history of the Silk Road as it informs an understanding of this contemporary effort.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Bemis is proud to  launch live-

streamed discussions with bestselling authors presented by Library Speakers Consortium. *Visit <https://library.org/bemis> to register for upcoming events and to watch previously recorded author discussions. The following presentations are for all ages.

- **Geraldine Brooks—December 6, 5-7 p.m.***
- **Fredrik Backman—December 10, 12-1 p.m.***
- **Nicole Eustace—December 14, 10-11 a.m.***
- **Namina Forna—January 12, 12-1 p.m.***
- **Dana K. White—January 17, 12-1 p.m.***
- **Randall Munroe—January 31, 12-1 p.m.***

BEMIS BOOK CLUBS

Attend either at the library or on Zoom.

- **Senior Book Group—For Ages 50 and Up**
December 7, 1-2 p.m.*
Searching for Sylvie Lee by Jean Kwok
January 4, 1-2 p.m.*
Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce
- **Evening Book Club—For Ages 18 and Up**
December—No discussion this month
January 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.*
Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

*To register, participate or join any of these programs go to the All Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at bemis.marmot.org.



COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Los Portales

This family-owned Mexican restaurant and longtime Englewood favorite opened a second location in Littleton in November. Founded in 2006 by husband-and-wife team Jose and Claudia Ursua, Los Portales reflects the cuisine of the couple's home state of Colima, on Mexico's Pacific coast. The menu includes a wide selection of seafood dishes, margaritas and cocktails, and several types of fajitas. Los Portales is located at 5350 South Santa Fe Drive, Unit D. For more information call 303-789-6066 or visit LosPortalesEnglewood.com.



Brad B Jammin

Ever tried mango pineapple jam? How about banana coconut caramel jam? These and dozens of other enticing varieties are custom made by Brad B Jammin, an eclectic shop featuring jams, jellies, preserves and more on South Broadway. A longtime staple of local farmers markets, founder Brad Brown develops and tests dozens of unique jam recipes. Specialties include spicy jams made with habanero or jalapeno peppers. Brad B Jammin is located at 6518 South Broadway. For more information call 303-513-1149 or visit BradBJammin.com.



La Rola Colombian Kitchen

La Rola Colombian Kitchen opened its first brick-and-mortar location this fall after five years in food trucks, food halls, and "ghost kitchens." The Colombian eatery features traditional South American fare like empanadas, cheese-stuffed arepas, and signature specialties like the "Billionaire hot dog" – topped with crushed chips, pineapple sauce, and a quail egg. La Rola is also available for catering. La Rola is located at 5350 South Santa Fe Drive, Unit C. For more information call 720-487-0008 or visit LaRolaColombianKitchenCO.com.



Littleton Brewing Company

Littleton Boulevard east of downtown will get more lively next spring, with the opening of Littleton Brewing Company, a brewery planned at 1201 West Littleton Boulevard. The Beer family (yes, their real name!) plans to renovate a former mechanic shop into a two-story brewery, featuring a bar on the ground floor and another on a rooftop deck. The brewery will focus on lagers, stouts, pale ales and IPAs, and serve food including pizza and burgers. The location is just three blocks from where the former Crestwood Inn restaurant is being renovated into the third location of the Cherry Cricket restaurant.



SuperFly

Billing itself as an "urban country club," SuperFly, a newly opened social club in the Vita Littleton complex, offers guests the opportunity to improve their golf swing the high-tech way. SuperFly's slew of TrackMan golf simulators use radar and high-end optics to provide precision feedback and analysis. SuperFly also boasts a menu of beer, wine, and cocktails. Tee times start at \$55 for an hour, with annual memberships available. SuperFly is located at 2100 West Littleton Boulevard, Suite C. For more information call 303-386-4146 or visit SuperFlyGolfLounge.com.

